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Governor Jim Doyle State Capitol, Room 115 East Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Doyle:

At its upcoming meeting, the National Governor's Association will consider a resolution to support services that allow people with disabilities to live independently in their communities.

The resolution supports passage of S971 and HR 2032 — the Medicaid Community Attendant Services and Supports Act (MiCASSA). It also supports S1394 and HR 1811, the Money Follows the Person Initiative. In another part of the resolution, the Association pledges to work with individual states to assure that the Supreme Court's *Olmstead* decision is implemented.

The Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities urges you to support this resolution.

We believe home- and community-based services should be the priority of our long-term support system, and that these services are best provided in the most integrated setting possible. People with disabilities should not be forced into nursing homes for lack of independent living options in their communities.

Please join us in supporting this resolution to continue and to expand community living services for people with disabilities in America.

Sincerely,

JorJan Borlin Chairperson